

ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER INTERVIEWED BEFORE DEPARTURE

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(TEXT) DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON HAS LEFT ISRAEL FOR A SERIES OF APPEARANCES AT REGIONAL RALLIES OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. ON HIS WAY TO THE UNITED STATES, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL STOP IN LONDON, WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER AND WITH ITS FOREIGN MINISTER. NEXT WEEK, MINISTER ALLON WILL MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE DR HENRY KISSINGER IN WASHINGTON. IN ITS WEEKLY SESSION EARLIER TODAY, THE CABINET APPROVED ALLON'S DEPARTURE OVERSEAS.

THERE IS NO CRISIS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON SAID TODAY, AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT, BEFORE LEAVING FOR ABROAD. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, FIRST HINTS OF POSSIBLE PRESSURES ON ISRAEL ALREADY CAN BE FELT.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, SIDON LEWY, INTERVIEWED THE FOREIGN MINISTER A SHORT WHILE AGO.

(LEWY-RECORDED) MR ALLON, PRIOR TO YOUR IMMINENT DEPARTURE, COULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR CONCEPTION OF HOW YOU CURRENTLY VIEW ISRAELI-U.S. RELATIONS?

(ALLON) A CERTAIN EXISTS TENSION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. THERE IS NO TENSION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE ISRAELI NATION, I WOULDN'T DESCRIBE THE SITUATION AS A CRISIS, BUT DEFINITELY AS A TENSION, STEMMING PARTLY FROM A SUBJECTIVE AMERICAN DISAPPOINTMENT FOLLOWING THE SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS WITH EGYPT, AND PARTLY, PERHAPS, FROM THE DESIRE TO EXERT INFLUENCE UPON US TO ADOPT A DIFFERENT POSITION FROM THE ONE WE HAD ADOPTED BEFORE THE

SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS. I HOPE AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS TENSION ULTIMATELY WILL DISAPPEAR, BECAUSE THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE MUCH MORE DEEPLY ROOTED THAN THE CAUSES OF THE CRISIS, OR RATHER, THE TENSION--MORE PRECISELY.

(QUESTION) MR ALLON, YOU ARE CARRYING EXPECTATIONS ABOUT THE MEETING NEXT MONDAY WITH THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE. ASIDE FROM WHAT YOU EXPECT FROM HIM, ARE YOU BRINGING ANY NEW IDEAS, NEW PROPOSALS?

(ANSWER) I WON'T TALK OF EXPECTATIONS. I CAN ONLY SAY THAT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE OVER THE YEARS, IN MOST OF THE MEETINGS WE HELD WITH AUTHORITATIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, ONLY GOOD THINGS RESULTED. NEVERTHELESS, THIS MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER PRESIDENT FORD PROCLAIMED PUBLICLY THAT THE UNITED STATES PLANS TO CONTINUE PERFORMING A CENTRAL FUNCTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IT DID NOT YIELD EITHER TO THE SOVIET UNION OR TO ANY OTHER POWER. AT BEST, IT REGARDS THE SOVIET UNION AS A PARTNER POWER IN RELATION TO THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND NO MORE THAN THAT. FURTHERMORE, THE PRESIDENT WAS TALKING OF RENEWED INITIATIVES FOR ACHIEVING PEACE, EITHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF GENEVA, OR WITHIN OTHER FRAMEWORKS. IN OTHER WORDS, HE LEFT OPTIONS OPEN FOR VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES. I SHALL BE VERY GLAD TO HEAR WHAT THE AMERICAN IDEAS ARE ON THIS SUBJECT. HE ALSO TOOK PAINS TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, OUR OWN OPINIONS, WHICH ALSO ASPIRE TO PREVENT A STALEMATE AND TO FIND PROCEDURES FOR PROPER PROGRESS, AND THIS WAS DONE THROUGH OUR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. THUS, THE BASIC AMERICAN POSITION FOLLOWING PRESIDENT FORD'S ADDRESS IS KNOWN (DING)

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(TEXT) FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON HAS SAID, BEFORE LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON, THAT ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CRISIS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL, HE CAN FEEL SEVERAL INDICATIONS OF POSSIBLE PRESSURE UPON ISRAEL. WE HAD BETTER TELL OUR FRIENDS IN THE UNITED STATES, MR ALLON SAID, THAT EVERY COMPROMISE THAT ISRAEL IS READY TO MAKE WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A POLITICAL AGREEMENT WILL BE MADE WITHOUT PRESSURE. COMPROMISES, WHICH ISRAEL CANNOT PERMIT FROM A SECURITY STANDPOINT, WILL NOT BE MADE UNDER PRESSURE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS SPEAKING WITH CORRESPONDENTS AT BEN-GURION AIRPORT.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM HIS MEETING WITH DR KISSINGER, MR ALLON SAID THAT WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN HOLDING A DIALOG WITH THE UNITED STATES, AND THAT WE MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CLOSE CONTACTS. BETWEEN US AND WASHINGTON, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, THERE ARE ALSO DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND PERHAPS EVEN SHARP DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS.

MR ALLON SAID, REPLYING TO A QUESTION, THAT WHEN DR KISSINGER LEARNED THAT HE WAS COMING TO THE UNITED STATES BY INVITATION OF THE UNITED JEWISH APPEAL, DR KISSINGER SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT A NUMBER OF PREPARATIONS HAVE TO BE MADE TOWARD A POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH ITS ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND. THE SOVIET UNION WILL BE UNABLE TO HAVE A FUNCTION EQUAL TO THAT OF THE UNITED STATES, AT THE CONFERENCE THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, BECAUSE IT ACCEPTS ALL THE ARAB POSITIONS BLINDLY, WHILE WASHINGTON MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL STOP OVER IN LONDON, AND TOMORROW MORNING HE WILL MEET WITH THE BRITISH PRIME MINISTER AND WITH HIS COUNTERPART, JAMES CALLAGHAN.

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